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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Two

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SUBJECT.

Celebration of the release of the Thakalakshmi
of ceremonies to mark Gandhiji's release
at Sabarmati Jail in January of 40

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To Com. C

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Approved

J. M. Lyon-Gr
12/11/38

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Celebration by Headquarters Units [illegible]

FROM

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Diary No 375	Enclos.	Spare copies	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

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NOTES AND ORDERS

Detailed proposals for the conduct of the ceremony during January 1960, have been submitted by the D.C. Hasson. The Inspector General considers that these proposals require modification as suggested by him (Paras 2 and 3 of the letter under disposal) and he has stated that he hopes to submit, for approval, a detailed report, soon after the receipt of the modified

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proposals called for by him from the D.C. For the present he hands sanction of Govt to the celebration of the ceremony during January 1940 and to notify the same.

(2) The report of the Hassan Deputy Commissioner on the termination of the function on the last occasion (1925) and the orders of Govt on the same, are put up. A memo of points which required attention of the authorities connected with the arrangements for the conduct of the ceremony on the last occasion is also put up.

(3) No sanction of Govt has accorded for the performance of the ceremony on the last occasion. See the memo of points referred to, above the D.C. Hassan at had stated that the Amildar of Channarayapatna taluk should be responsible for the successful and satisfactory close of the ceremonies and for the accounting of moneys given into the hands of the Mutt authorities for the purpose. and the following observation was made by Govt. in their Statement.

"Government desire to point out that the ceremonies are performed in connection with a temple entirely under the control of the Mutt which, though in the name management of the Mysore Department, has been managing the ceremonies itself without the interference of Govt. x x x. the Deputy

Mahamaha Mahotsaka at Tirumalai

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Commissioner may be instructed to leave the management of the ceremonies in the hands of the Swami assisted by the Committee appointed by him for the purpose, and the Auditor may be directed to exercise a general control Supervision over the function, without interfering with the management of or the accounts connected with the ceremonies".

("a") Sanction of Govt does not seem to be necessary for the mere performance or celebration of the ceremony, which is the look-out of the Hindu authorities, but only for the details connected with the conduct of the ceremony so far as the cooperation of the Govt authorities for the purpose is concerned, and the receipt of the detailed report promised by the H.C has to be awaited. Subm for orders

B/F 1428 14/10/32. 10.30. The detailed proposals promised may be awaited. In view of the incidents which arose on previous occasions, the Govt may to have a General Control with the Auditor over the Staff, Accounts etc. A final one.

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4) Mahamasthakabhisheka at Sravanabelagola.

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For the present, the proposal to celebrate the Abhisheka in 1960 may be dropped. As also the suggestion to publish a Notification in this matter.

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It does not seem necessary that Govt. should publish the Notification. In the future, the Notification may perhaps be published by the Math on the occasion organised in connection with the temple under the control of the Math.

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Br Sh the Secretary? 17/10.

Govt. Order was sent on the last occasion. Not in View of

abhisheka ceremony at Sri Varabodha Pirivena

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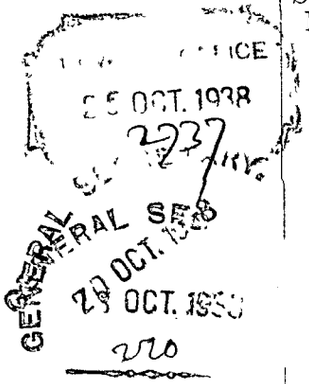
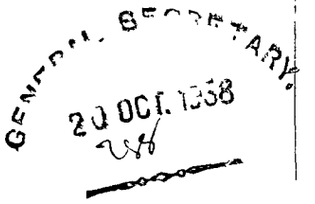


The circumstances of this function, the papers may perhaps be submitted to Hon Gen'l Secy

Hon 19.10

12) Please put up a D.F.N for consideration hw 19/10



13) D.F.N. Submitted for consideration if the file may be put to Hon. On the last occasion the Hon visited Sri Bodhgaya Hon

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Hon Members) 15 21/10 hw 21/10

(16) Deputy)

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Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject.—

Celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka ceremony to the Sri Gomateswaraswami at Sravanabelagola.

The Muzrai Commissioner has reported that Sri Swamigalavaru of Sri Sravanabelagola Mutt has expressed his intention of celebrating Mahamasthakabhisheka to Sri Gomateswaraswamy at Sravanabelagola in January 1940 and has made a request for necessary suggestions and help in connection with the arrangements to be made for the function. Detailed proposals are being worked out by the Muzrai Commissioner in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan. In the meanwhile, the Muzrai Commissioner has requested sanction of Government to the celebration of the ceremony in January 1940 and to the publication of a Notification announcing the same.

I am of opinion that the Muzrai Commissioner's proposal may be approved and that as the function is to be organized in connection with the temple under the control of the Mutt, the Notification may well be published by the Mutt. The Dewan agrees with me.

I submit the papers for the gracious perusal of His Highness.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Bangalore,
21st October 1938.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the First *Member of Council on the subject of* the celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka ceremony to the Sri Gomateswara-swami at Sravanabelagola in January 1940 *for His Highness' gracious* ~~*approval*~~ perusal.

Mirza M. Ismail
Dewan.

Bangalore,
25th October 1938.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

(18)

Subject.

Celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka ceremony to the Sri Gomateswaraswami at Sravana-belagola in January 1940

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Order.

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Secretariat.

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Celebration of the Mahamastakabhisheka ceremony in the Sri Gommateswaraswami at Sravanabelagola in January 1940

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31 All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness orders may in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders

33 The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members

34 In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders

(20)

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders before / after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure)

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Through the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Gen. Secy. with Compliments

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Laka ceremony at Simla adopted in 1940

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	(25) Sent with a draft reply to the H.C. 3/11/38
3	67, dated 4.11.1938 The H.C. is right. Arbitrary rights relating to ceremony in January 1940 and date fixed by the Administration [illegible]

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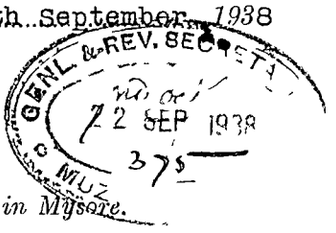
No. C.153/38-39.

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, ...26th September *1938*

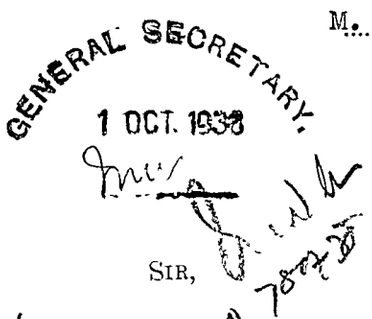


FROM

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

M. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....General.....*Department.*



SIR,

Celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka Ceremony
to the
Sri Gomateswaraswami at Sravanabelagola.

In continuation of this office letter No.C.153/38-39 dated 18th August 1938 reporting about the intended celebration of the above function by the Swamigalu of the Sri Sravanabelagola Mutt during January 1940, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of letter No.C.638-38 dated 5-9-1938 received from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, submitting detailed proposals in the matter.

2. Apart from the religious significance of the function, the performance of Abhishekam periodically is stated to be helpful for the preservation of the idol. I have examined the several proposals of the Deputy Commissioner for the conduct of this ceremony and find that they require some modification. In para 3 of his letter, the Deputy Commissioner suggests that the entire management should be with a Committee presided over by him and assisted by an official Secretary. He would have the Swamigalu as the 'Adhyaksha' of the celebrations, all religious functions and ceremonies being performed in consultation with him and according to his wishes. The entire control over the finances is proposed to be exercised by the Deputy Commissioner himself. But I find that instead of one Committee, as proposed by the Deputy Commissioner, there is need for the formation

of two Committees--one, a Religious Committee and the other, a General Committee. The Religious Committee should consist of a certain number of gentlemen of the Jain Community residing in the Mysore State, with the Swamigalu as its Chairman; and the General Committee to consist of some influential gentlemen of the community and some important officials, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner. Both the Committees should prepare proper budgets and amounts required for expenditure should be drawn on bills duly sanctioned by the General Committee.

3. As regards the transactions relating to the function, all items of receipts and expenditure should be done in the Chennarayapatna Taluk Treasury by the Amildar. No member who is a non-resident of Mysore should have any control over this. Unless such a step is taken and strict supervision is exercised over the finances, troubles, similar to those that arose in connection with the celebration of 1925 will be repeated. As suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, some advance will be necessary for meeting the initial expenses connected with the arrangement which may be recouped from income to be received for the occasion.

4. I am requesting the Deputy Commissioner to intimate the amount that may be so required and to submit modified proposals keeping the above points in view and shall send a detailed report for the orders of Government on their receipt. In the meanwhile, I request that sanction of Government may be kindly obtained to the celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka Ceremony during January 1940 and to the publication of a Notification announcing the same.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

/T. Chuchan

Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No.C.638-38 dated 5-9-38 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Subject:- Celebration of "MAHAMASTHAKABHISHEKA" to Sri Gomateswara-swami at Sravanabelagola.

With reference to your memo No.C.153/38-39 dated the 19th August 1938 calling for proposals, on the basis of what was done on the previous occasion regarding the above celebration, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the report of the Deputy Commissioner on the termination of the last "Maha mastakabhisheka" and the Government Order thereon, for ready reference, which summarises the arrangements made on the last occasion and how the cost was met. The arrangements involved may broadly be grouped into three classes.

1) Those relating to the Puja, including the formation of the Pilgrim Camp.

2) Those relating to Public Health and Conservancy, including Medical and Veterinary aid.

3) Those relating to public safety and convenience such as Police and Magistracy, Postal facilities etc.

2. The first item was managed by a Puja Committee of 24 Jain gentlemen with the late Swamiji as the Chairman and late Mr. M. N. Vardhamanaiya as the Secretary and the entire management of all religious functions and the finances relating thereto was left to the Swamigalu and the Puja Committee as directed by Government in the Revenue Secretary's letter No.1205/Muz.204-24-7 dated 9th February 1925 to the Muzrai Commissioner. Public Health and Conservancy were arranged for by the Sravanabelagola Municipality, and in view of the special expenditure involved, the Municipality was permitted to levy special tolls and market fees during the jatra and was also given an outright State Grant of Rs 2,000. I had an informal talk with the members of the Municipal Council on this subject and they are agreeable to undertake the responsibility this time also. Arrangements relating to public safety were made at the cost of Government. The same procedure will be adopted on this occasion also, in respect of both public safety and sanitary arrangements.

3. The main thing to be considered at this stage is the puja side. On this subject, I have had a consultation with the Swamigalu and submit the following proposals with the concurrence of the Swamigalu. There shall be a Committee to manage the function as in the last occasion but in view of the inconveniences caused on that occasion by dual control and the consequences that have arisen for want of Government control over the finances, it is proposed that the entire arrangement shall be under the control of the Deputy Commissioner as President of the Committee assisted by an official Secretary. For the time being, the Amildar, Chennarayapatna Taluk, may be ex-officio

Secretary of the Committee, a full-time officer being appoint three months prior to the actual celebrations. The Swamiji will be "Adhyaksha" of the celebrations and all the religious functions and monies will be performed in consultation with him and according to his wishes, but the financial control must vest with the Deputy Commissioner. The Swamiji is also of opinion, and I agree with him, that all the Committee members should be Mysoreans, to avoid complications that may arise by including outsiders. A list is appended herewith showing the names of gentlemen proposed to be on the Committee.

4. Finances.-- The income and expenditure of the religious side of the function on the last occasion are not available either in my office or in the Mutt. It is stated by the Swamigalu that the whole thing was managed by Mr. Vardhamanaiya and the accounts may be available with Mr. K. C. Lakshmipathiah who is now said to be in Madhugiri. I am addressing him to send whatever accounts he has and on receipt of it, a budget for the function will be prepared and submitted.

5. The income on the last occasion consisted of (1) a sum of Rs 6,550 permitted by Government to be spent out of Mutt funds (2) donations collected from the devotees all over India prior to the function and (3) the bids for the Mahamasthakabhisheka. The amount that remained over after meeting the expensesof the function is yet under litigation in Bombay. The collection of donation was made by a number of purohits sent by the Swamiji to the various parts of India and it is not certain if all the collections reached the Puja Committee. It is the desire of the Swamiji this time that the Deputy Commissioner should, after giving wide publicity to the Government approval for the celebration and for the Committee proposed, address the prominent devotees in the various Jain Centres in India and that the collection of funds may be entrusted to the respectable leaders of the various centres who should send the amounts collected to the Deputy Commissioner. Hassan. All the money collected either as a donation or bid amount at the ceremony should be credited to a fund called "Mahamasthakabhisheka Fund" and the expenses of the function debited to the fund. This suggestion may, perhaps, be approved.

6. It is possible that on account of the greater Government control that is proposed to be exercised over the collections, donations, prior to the functions may not come in from outside Mysore as freely as they did on the last occasion. For this reason, the amount required forthe expenses will

be advanced by Government and recouped afterwards from "Mahamasthakaka Fund".

7. The Swamiji suggests that a lottery may be permitted to be opened for collecting funds in addition to dohations in the name of some prominent members of the Jain Community in the Mysore State. He expects that a very large sum could be collected by this means. As we have not tried the lottery system in any of our Muzrai institutions so far, am unable to express an opinion in the matter and leave it to the kind consideration of yourself and Government.

8. To sum up, orders are solicited for the present on the following points.

i. Approval of Government for holding the "Mahamasthakabhisheka"as proposed by the Swamigalu.

ii. Sanction to the Committee proposed.

iii. Publication of a Notification announcing the celebration and the formation of the Committee.

iv. Authorisation to the Deputy Commissioner to call for donations on behalf of the Committee.

v. Formation of a fund called "Mahamasthakabhisheka Fund" in the District Treasury, Hassan, with facilities for crediting the collections in the various treasuries in the State under this fund.

vi. Grant of an advance for expenses.

vii. And lastly, the starting of a lottery as proposed by the Swamiji.

Early orders are solicited.

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M. N Ramachar

For Muzrai Commissioner.

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To

The M.C in Mysore

Sir,

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 4-11-38

Signed by Mr. S.K.V. Iyer

celebration of the Mahanavami Kalbrishaka ceremony by the Sri Gurusiddeshwara Swami at Siddavanahalli in Jan 1939

With reference to your letter No C 152/38-39 dated the 26th Sept 1938 on the above subject I am directed to convey sanction of Govt to the celebration of the ceremony in January 1939, as recommended by you. Regarding the publication of the notification announcing the celebration of the ceremony I am to state that Govt are of opinion that as the function is to be

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organised in connection

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Trust, the notification would be

be published by the Trust. The receipt

of the detailed responses from the residents will be carried forward by

you are awaited Thank ch

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 4th November 1938.

No. 677/Mysgo-388-3

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Celebration of the Mahamasthakabhisheka Ceremony to the Sri Gomateswaraswami at Sravanabelagula in January 1940.

With reference to your letter No. C.150/38-39 dated the 26th September 1938 on the above subject, I am directed to convey the approval of Government to the celebration of the ceremony in January 1940, as recommended by you. As regards the publication of the Notification announcing the celebration of the ceremony I am to state that Government are of opinion that as the function is to be organised in connection with the temple under the control of the Mutt, the Notification may well be published by the Mutt. The detailed proposals for the conduct of the ceremony promised by you are awaited.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for General Secretary to Government.